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## The New Racket: Society

BY MARGARETTA ROBERTS  
Social Secretary in the Homes of Some of the Country's Wealthiest Families

NO figure in society carries a greater load on her shoulders than the daughter of a socially ambitious family. The son, too, is important but he can perform his obligations much more easily.

The daughter has been educated in a fashionable private school, finished in Europe, and finally is ready for her debut. If she has been handled correctly, she should be about 19 years old.

If her family is in society, and is poor, she is supposed to retrieve the family fortune by marrying money. If her family is rich, but not established, it is up to her to bring home the blue blood.

In either case, she must work quickly. A deb can hope for only one good year. If she hasn't married by the end of his first season, she is called a "flop" deb. Thereafter she carries with her a faint but quite distinct stigma of failure.

For the deb's first year in society all the rest of the family must stand back. Everything is staked on the girl.

Next year there will be a new crop of deb's, and this year's crop will be forgotten. Work fast is the motto.

In case the deb fails to win a husband the first year she can, of course, try again the next. The chances, however, are against her. In many cases the "flop" deb's go for "careers," or take up philanthropic work.

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There are many debutantes coming-out parties that cost as much as \$25,000 and more, but these are exceptional. I have known poor, but prominently social girls to be introduced for as little as \$5,000, but they could not have done it without the assurance of impeccable background, and with the help of their relatives and friends who have been in society for years.

Some girls are given two debuts, one during the summer, at New York, and a large formal coming-out later in New York.

If a girl is very popular, these two affairs will launch her, but should she be "difficult" the parents will need to arrange many theater parties, dances and all possible supplementary entertainment for her. With a great deal of wire pulling she may be presented at the Court of England.

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## HAWKS FORCED BACK

Returns to Tucson Airport When Line Breaks.

TUCSON, Ariz., March 31.—Captain Frank Hawks, attempting a glider flight from San Diego to New York, returned to the airport here today after he and his tow plane, piloted by J. D. Jernigan Jr., had taken off for El Paso, Tex.

An air bump broke the line towing the glider and forced the return, Hawks said.

## HOOVER GETS MEMENTO

Gold Rush Days Recalled by Gilt Ex-Prospector to President.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—A memento of gold rush days of the west was presented to President Hoover today in the form of a miniature prospector framed in a golden horseshoe. It was the work of Harry Morrell, veteran prospector of Verdi, Nev., who labored for weeks fashioning the tiny shovels, picks and drills from steel.

## dictatorship FAVORED

New German Cabinet Willing to Resort to Action if Necessary.

BERLIN, March 31.—The willingness of some members of the new Heinrich Brüning cabinet to resort to dictatorship in Germany if parliamentary opposition makes such a move necessary was indicated today in a statement by Gottfried Treviranus, new minister of occupied territories.

## COLLEGE BOXER HELD

Charged With Involuntary Manslaughter After Opponent's Death.

PHILADELPHIA, March 31.—William Struble, Penn State college boxing star, was held without bail today pending action of the coroner on a technical charge of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Oliver Horne, Pennsylvania university boxing star, Saturday night.

## 'CHUTE SAVES GIRL HURLED FROM PLANE

Kansas City Aviatrix Is Catapulted From Ship During Loop.

## CRAFT IS DEMOLISHED

Woman Falls 100 Feet Before Managing to Pull Rip Cord.

By United Press

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 31.—Catapulted from her biplane while attempting to break her own world record for inside loops, Mildred Kauffman landed safely with the aid of her parachute at the Buffalo airport.

The Kansas City aviatrix, who is 24, and weighs less than a hundred pounds, ascended to a height of 10,000 feet Sunday.

As the plane entered the thirty-first loop, 3,200 feet from the ground and was flying upside down, Miss Kauffman slipped from her safety belt.

While she went over the side of the plane her foot caught in the parachute cord.

She managed to get herself loose and after dropping 100 feet pulled the rip cord with both hands, opening the parachute.

Miss Kauffman landed on her face in the soft mud near the airport. She was only scratched and bruised. The plane was demolished.

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## 9 HURT IN DANCE RIOT

One Man May Die of Wounds; Four Policemen Are Injured.

By United Press

CHICAGO, March 31.—Joseph Zachalava and his wife started an argument on the dance floor at a south side hall. The 400 dancers took sides. Police came. One man was shot, probably fatally. Eight others, including Zachalava, and four policemen, were injured.

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## AUTHOR TURNS DOWN APOLOGY

Retraction by Pastor Is Rejected by Lewis.

By United Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 31.—Charges that Sinclair Lewis was drunk while he wrote "Elmer Gantry," made from a pulpit here three years ago, have been retracted by Dr. William L. Stidger, former Kansas City minister and now pastor of a Boston church.

Stidger's apology, made in a letter to Lewis, was rejected by the writer as "three years too late," and "insincere."

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## Mexican Dancing Girls Wounded in Love Duel

BY JOHN R. MORRIS  
United Press Staff Correspondent

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